

**COOKS CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
September 26, 2024**

In Attendance – Scott, Travis, Jim, Sarah and Lois.

Approval of Minutes –The Board meeting minutes of August 22, 2024 were approved; motion by Sarah/Scott; all in favor, 5-0.

Mail- No mail.

Treasurer's Report – It was erroneously stated by me, Lois, that the July Treasurer's Report was not passed; it was passed in July at the July 25th meeting. There was no Treasurer's Report for August 22 and no report for September 26.

Pay Bills –Stamps for the newsletter amounted to \$110.09, paid to Lois and totes were \$35 paid to Travis. Four totes were sold for \$125 total coming in, and one new membership was added/deposited.

Committee Reports

Newsletter – Lois –The Fall 2024 newsletter has a deadline date of November 1. Maybe a Creature Feature on bobcats or lynx. Sarah mentioned that Chris Taylor reported a bobcat on her lane.

Social media – all –Instagram has reached 100 followers. Travis is working to get more visibility on both Instagram, Facebook and the website events page. Travis brought up the possibility of having a free table at the Lower Saucon Farmers Market for next year.

Membership – Scott – One new member, see note in “Pay bills”.

Watershed Coalition of the Lehigh Valley (WCLV)/Lower Delaware Wild & Scenic (LDW&S)– Lois/Jim–The LDW&S met on September 12 by Zoom. Discussed: Next phase of expansion study; finding *Podostemum ceratophyllum* in the Delaware River which is sensitive to pollution and has not been found for a long time; the next study, 2025, will be in our area of the Delaware; perhaps we can participate. A new logo was introduced. On going matters: Rockfall Mitigation will now look at the Delaware Water Gap as a whole with EIS studies as there are 5 Federally Funded Projects; Devil's Tea Table meetings rescheduled three times; Washington Crossing Bridge; Nockamixon Release Update has no updates; The Landing in New Hope had Landmark withdraw their plans. I brought up the concern that Landmark has brought a sketch plan to the Durham Township Planning Commission. This plan involves approximately 50 cabins on Rodges Run and a sewage treatment plan among other plans of which at the public meeting the overwhelming majority of residents were against the sketch plan. The **Watershed Coalition** is meeting September 6, also by Zoom. Also, Scott is doing a DEP training on October 2.

Environmental Monitoring – Scott – Scott/Travis continue to check stream gauges.

Planning/Ordinances – Scott/Lois-. Durham Township Planning Commission had a public meeting at the Riegelsville Fire House, September 9, for the purpose of reviewing the sketch plan put forward by the Durham Springs property. This plan

proposes approximately 50 cabins with a water sewage treatment plant in the Agricultural District. It is at the old Cascade Lodge.

Education – Scott – The Mini Monsters at Fry’s Run Park was September 21, 10-2pm. Travis presented the critters and Jim, Sarah and Lois helped. There was a low turnout.

Old Business –

Stream Walk -The Cooks Creek will be walked and observed by the Durham EAC and Springfield EAC. Princeton Hydro is working on the historic review of the Conservation Plan and still evaluating to give recommendations next month. They will visit 2 sites, 2 days and the rest is for the EACs to supplement by walking as many miles as we pick and choose. A visual survey will be done listing erosion, buffers and impeded sites.

Herb Walk – David Winston, herbalist, will be doing a walk at Judy Siegfried’s place, 10am to noon, September 28, this Saturday. We will be asking for donations, and we’ll need newsletters.

New Business –

Fall Dinner –October 5, Saturday - Springtown Rod and Gun Club - Times: 4-5pm set up and board members bring appetizers, 5-6pm meet and greet over the appetizers, 6-7pm dinner, 7pm presentation. Travis says he will find a speaker.

Walk in Penn’s Woods – October 6, Sunday – Location and time to be determined – This is being run by the Durham EAC.

Durham Day – October 12, 1-4pm.- on the Durham Green - An activity, for the kids, a “drawing on paper showing activity of the stream”. Scott will get a LARGE paper and mark in a stream and kids can draw in their favorite critter, plant, mini monster, etc. with colored pencils or crayons.

Fall Clean-Up – Nov. 9 – 9-noon, meet at Old Philadelphia -Scott will not be able to attend.

Other notes: We have been chosen by Kimberton for their “2025 Round Up Program”. And, Springfield Park and Rec. wants a map of the Watershed for a Peppermint Park kiosk. A new map will have to be printed. By the way, Peppermint Park is not in the proper location on the map.

Adjourn – 9:05pm. Motion by: Jim/Sarah; 5-0

Next Board Meeting will be at the firehouse on October 24, 7:30pm.

Respectively submitted by Lois Oleksa.